

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 9, Verses 11-14: BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 10, Verses 32-45: At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1):**

-Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise and worship Him for, in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-glorious Resurrection.

-Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠὺδόκησε σαρκὶ ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Giorgo Stratoudakis**, 40 days since his passing. May his memory be eternal! Αἰώνια ἡ μνήμη!

**COFFEE HOUR:** Today's Coffee Hour is being hosted by Eleni Stratoudakis Pappas and her family in memory of Giorgo. They invite you for refreshments following Divine Liturgy today. We thank them for hosting.

**GOYA THIS FRIDAY:** The Youth Committee is happy to announce that we are restarting GOYA! Our first GOYA event will be Make Your Own Pizza Night at the Cathedral **this Friday, April 26**. This event will also include a discussion with the kids led by Christo on the importance and significance of fasting during Lent. If your child is interested in joining, please email **Vicky Spachis** at [Vicky.Spachis@annunciation.org](mailto:Vicky.Spachis@annunciation.org)

**PALM CROSS FOLDING THIS SATURDAY:** This Saturday, April 27, we will have Liturgy for Saturday of Lazarus. Immediately following Liturgy, everyone is invited to fold palm crosses for Palm Sunday in the hall.

**HOPE MOVIE NIGHT:** We are happy to announce the kick off event for our HOPE program for all children in elementary school! Their first event will be a movie night at the Cathedral on Friday, May 31st. If your child would like to attend, please email **Natalie Mavroudis** at [Natalie.Mavroudis@annunciation.org](mailto:Natalie.Mavroudis@annunciation.org)

**AN INVITATION TO HOST COFFEE HOUR:** As part of our revitalized coffee hour program, we're calling on all ministries, organizations, and our parishioners (individually or in teams!) to sign up to host one or more coffee hours over the course of the year. We'll supply the coffee/ cream/ sugar, tablecloths, napkins, utensils – and you supply the goodies (e.g., pastries, donuts, bagels & cream cheese, small sandwiches, fruit/vegetable/cheese platters and assorted dips, or other similar items). We're currently seeking hosts for the following Sundays in May: the 12<sup>th</sup>, and in June: the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the 9<sup>th</sup>, and the 16<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Irene Melitas ([irene.melitas@annunciation.org](mailto:irene.melitas@annunciation.org), or, 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

**STEWARDSHIP CALL:** We are all blessed with certain gifts. It is important to develop these gifts, multiply them and offer them back to God. Please take a moment to fill out your annual Pledge card and don't forget to fill out the back offering your skills and talents!

**PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES:** 1) **Epitaphios**-We are collecting donations that will go toward the purchase of flowers for the Epitaphios. 2) **Easter Bake Sale**-Place orders for koulourakia and tsoureki by April 19th. Pick up date is Palm Sunday, April 28th, 12-2p. 3) **Palm Sunday April 28th**-Join us for a lenten buffet after the conclusion of Liturgy. \$20 adults, \$10 for children aged 10 and under. 4) **Mother's Day Luncheon**-Make your reservations for this wonderful annual event to be held on May 11th at the Crystals Springs Golf Course in Burlingame. The cost is \$85/person, \$65/children ages 4-10. 5) **Father's Day** June 16th Coffee Hour

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SAVE THE DATE:** Our next Men's Fellowship gathering will take place Thursday, May 23rd. Social hour at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm. Please email Jim Rakos to RSVP if you would like to attend. There is no cost. [jim.rakos@annunciation.org](mailto:jim.rakos@annunciation.org)

